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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9993

INFO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SIKKIM: CHOGYAL VISIT TO US

1. IN THE FIRST VISIT OF AN EMBASSY OR CONSULAR OFFICER TO SIKKIM SINCE THE DISTURBANCES THERE LAST SPRING, CDR. ROGERS OF ODRI SPENT FEBRUARY 23-25 IN BANGTOK AS A GUEST OF INDIAN POLITICAL OFFICER BAJPAI. MEA READILY ACCEDED TO THE REQUEST FOR THIS TOURIST TRIP AND SAID BAJPAI WANTED TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY. ROGERS WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY INDIAN AND LOCAL OFFICIALS BUT RECEIVED NO INVITATION, AS PAST VISITORS HAVE, TO CALL ON THE CHOGYAL. BAJPAI SAID THE CHOGYAL LEFT FEBRUARY 25 FOR THE US AND WAS VAGUE ON WHEN HE MIGHT RETURN. ROGERS NOTED NO EVIDENCE OF TENSION DURING HIS BRIEF STAY ASIDE FROM SOME FRICTION BETWEEN THE CHOGYAL'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND BAJPAI AND A FEW SIGNS TELLING THE CHOGYAL NOT TO RETURN.

2. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE CHOGYAL WILL RETURN BEFORE THE APRIL 15 SIKKIM ELECTIONS. IF HE DOES NOT, HIS ABSENCE WOULD APPEAR TO BEAR OUT SPECULATION OF CONGEN CALCUTTA THAT A QUID
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PRO QUO FOR GRANTING ETHNIC PARITY IN THE ASSEMBLY (CALCUTTA 181)

WAS THAT THE CHOGYAL AGREE TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM HIS STATE
DURING THIS PERIOD.
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